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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - PARAGUAY

FOLLOWING IS REVISED TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR PARAGUAY CLEARED BY THE INTER-AGENCY GROUP.

I. PROMOTION OF INCREASED RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

--CONTINUE TO MAKE THE CASE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS (INCLUDING RIGHTS FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS) SUCH AS FAIR AND SPEEDY TRIALS, AND EXPANDED POLITICAL AND CIVIL LIBERTIES ARE IN PARAGUAY'S BEST INTEREST.

--CONTINUE UNPUBLICIZED REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING
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SPECIFIC CASES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, PARTICULARLY WHERE THERE IS A USG OR PUBLIC INTEREST.

--REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ON ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, PROVIDING AVAILABLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

--FOLLOW THROUGH AS NECESSARY TO SEE THAT THE VISIT TO PARAGUAY BY THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MATERIALIZES AS AGREED AND ENCOURAGE PARAGUAYAN RATIFICATION OF THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

--ENCOURAGE CONTINUED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOP AND FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE GROUPS (INCLUDING THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION AND CHURCH GROUPS) WHO ARE SEEKING AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE GOP'S TREATMENT OF INDIANS.

--ENCOURAGE THE STRENGTHENING OF DOMESTIC, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS DEVOTED TO THE PROMOTION AND DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

--WORK CLOSELY ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS WITH OTHER FOREIGN MISSIONS (E.G., GERMAN AND SWISS EMBASSIES).

II. PROMOTION OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS INDEPENDENT OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL, SUCH AS LABOR, PRESS, AND PRIVATE BUSINESS

--CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR FREE DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES TO ASSERT GREATER INDEPENDENCE.

--SUPPORT INCREASING INDEPENDENCE OF THE NON-GOVERNMENT PRESS IN ITS TREATMENT OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS, AND IN ITS EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

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--ENCOURAGE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. BUSINESS TO ORGANIZE THEIR OWN ASSOCIATION IN PARAGUAY.

--ENCOURAGE RESPECT AND IMPROVED OBSERVANCE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL DUE PROCESS.

--ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF A FREE, IMPARTIAL AND COMPETENT JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

III. MAINTENANCE OF GOP SUPPORT ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

--CONSULT WITH GOP OFFICIALS ON KEY ISSUES TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITIONS IN MULTILATERAL FORA.

--ENCOURAGE PARAGUAY TO ADOPT A PRAGMATIC POSITION IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

IV. CONTINUATION OF COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS CONTROL

--SEEK CONTINUED COOPERATION AND INCREASED GOP NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITY AND GREATER EFFICIENCY THROUGH TRAINING OF PARAGUAYAN NARCOTICS INVESTIGATORS.

V. ENCOURAGEMENT OF PARAGUAYAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

--ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY DESIGNED TO MEET BASIC

HUMAN NEEDS.

--SUPPORT BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO BENEFIT THE NEEDIEST SECTORS AND MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THROUGH THE IDB, IBRD AND THE U.N.

VI. PROMOTION OF TRADE TIES WITH PARAGUAY

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--EMPHASIZE THE ITAIPU HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT AND OTHER LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IN IDENTIFYING TRADE OPPORTUNITIES.

--ASSIST U.S. INVESTORS IN DEALING WITH THE PARAGUAYAN ECONOMY.

VII. PROMOTION OF U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS

--PROMOTE U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS AND MAINTAIN MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS SUPPORTIVE OF THE BROAD RANGE OF U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT POLICIES. ENCOURAGE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN COLLECTIVE HEMISPHERIC SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS (RIO TREATY).

VIII. ENHANCE BILATERAL COMMUNICATIONS AND LINKAGES

--STRENGTHEN TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION AND INSTITUTIONAL TIES THROUGH INFORMATION, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF U.S. BILATERAL AND GLOBAL OBJECTIVES AND BROADER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

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